

From The President

The Commonwealth of Kentucky is celebrating its bicentennial this year, and Crescent Hill will be joining in the celebration. The neighborhood's celebration will occur at the annual Old Fashioned Fourth of July at the Peterson-Dumesnil House. A variety of bicentennial-related activities are being planned for the event, along with the traditional arts and crafts fair and other activities.

The combination of food, fun and fireworks has once again earned the festival the distinction of being named a "Top 40 Outdoor Festival & Event" by the City of Louisville.

Stan Hudson, the immediate past president of the Crescent Hill Community Council,

Good News From Frankfort Avenue...

The Frankfort Avenue Business Association is proud to announce that major progress has been made in our continuing efforts to keep Frankfort Avenue clean and attractive.

First,... C.S.X., our largest neighbor, has awarded a \$500 grant to be used in conjunction with our ongoing clean-up efforts. C.S.X. also has made a commitment to provide a special work crew to deal with some unsightly trouble spots. Our warm thanks to Mr. R. E. Jones, of C.S.X. for his desire to help our cause and to make Frankfort Avenue a better place.

Second,... Operation Brightside has also stepped forward to help solve one of our largest problems, the brush piles generated by our brush trimming blitzes along Frankfort Avenue. Under a unique environmental grant program, the Frankfort Avenue Business Association has been awarded a \$1500 grant. The money will be spent on a limb clipper so that brush piles will become mulch, instead of a landfill problem. The mulch will be used in the flower beds in the new plantings areas along Frankfort Avenue. Our warm thanks to Mary Mattingly and Colleen Younger of Operation Brightside.

Third,... another long term and respected neighbor, the Louisville Water Company, has expressed interest in joining our efforts and is planning some exciting improvements along our historic business corridor.

and current president of the Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation, will chair the "Old Fashioned Fourth" for the Council. Council vice president Phil Norris and his wife, district representative Becky Norris, will be chairing the arts and crafts portion of the event.

The Fourth of July falls on a Saturday this year, and the neighborhood's celebration is the perfect place for that family reunion you've been meaning to schedule. Circle the date on your calendar, and invite your friends and relatives to join us in celebrating Kentucky's bicentennial and the nation's independence!

Bill Hollander

This spring, we will be organizing our corridor block by block. We are looking for volunteers from the residential blocks to be block captains. Anyone wishing to discuss this idea should call Walton Jones, 896-4262. With so many people working in the same direction, this can be the best year ever along historic Frankfort Avenue, the backbone of our community.

The Business Association and the Community Council hope to combine efforts whenever possible.

Frankfort Avenue Springtime Festival

The Frankfort Avenue Business Association is planning a springtime festival. Frankfort Avenue will be abloom with the flowers of spring, and balloons will welcome all to stroll along and enjoy our old fashioned sidewalk showcase sale. Many businesses will be offering specials on this day and everyone is invited to attend.

The event takes place on Saturday, April 4th. We hope to make this celebration of spring an annual event that gets better each year, just like the Old Tyme Christmas event. We invite you to explore Frankfort Avenue, and discover the many fine places to eat and shop. The Business Association would like to thank all of our neighbors for their support.

Walton Jones, Chairperson Beautification Frankfort Avenue Business Association

Reservoir Park Update

We are happy to report that our photographic record of homes in Reservoir Park has been completed. Jon Schmidt has placed a photo of each home as well as the Arterburn Apartments in an album along with an explanation of the developmental phases of the community. The album will be on display as part of our exhibit on September 12th. Thank you, Jon, for your hard work on this outstanding project.

We are wrapping up our efforts soon on the collection of information forms for the residents' directory. If you wish to be included in the keepsake publication and have not yet responded, please call 896-4516 for information. We hope to have the remainder of the directory ready for publication soon.

The Centennial Committee has been in contact with Alderman Mershon's office in regard to the replacement of our entrance signs and surrounding areas. We will update information about this project as it develops.

Alan Bishop, city arborist, met with members of the Centennial Committee and toured the area for possible placement of additional trees. He informed us of city services available to residents which include requests for trees to be planted on city easements and removal of dead limbs or trees on these same easements. Mr. Bishop has also discussed the possibility of plantings on our medians on Blackburn as part of our celebration. We look forward to the beautification project as a really valuable contribution to our centennial.

We are always soliciting more involvement from neighbors in the planning of our centennial celebration. We invite anyone interested in serving on a committee to join us at our March meeting. Call 896-4516 or 897-5784 for location and time.

Reservoir Park Centennial Committee
Thank you,
Pat Schmidt

7-Million Dollar Renovation Begins at Seminary Village

Seminary Village is getting a 7-million dollar facelift — and a new name. The housing complex, which is located at the northeast corner of Frankfort and Fenley Avenues, will now be known as Village Manor. It has been sold to a limited partnership, but will continue to be managed by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The renovation project is being done in phases. Six buildings will be renovated at a time and each unit will be gutted and rebuilt. While no additional buildings will be constructed, the total number of units at the complex will increase from the present 233 to 251, due to the creation of more two bedroom units.

The project is being funded in part by two kinds of tax credits. Affordable housing tax credits are available because a portion of the complex is being set aside for low and moderate income families. Nearly 75 percent of Southern Baptist Seminary students currently living at the complex qualify for the affordable housing units. The project is also benefiting from historic property rehabilitation tax credits, because Seminary Village was the first Federal Housing Administration project in Kentucky when it was constructed — as Green Tree Manor — in 1937. It has been known as Seminary Village since 1953.

On February 6, the Crescent Hill Community Council hosted a public meeting at which Seminary representatives briefed Reservoir Park residents on the renovation project.

Did You Know ???

Field Elementary School is unusual in the background of many of its students. While 50% of Field students live in a "regular" Crescent Hill neighborhood, an additional 30% live in Crescent Hill on a more temporary basis: they live in Seminary Village (now Village Manor) while a parent (or two) attends Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Many of these Field students have moved to Louisville from another state or country and will be moving again when their parents graduate. Another 20% of Field students are bused from another neighborhood.

Jefferson County Public Schools Want You!

It is an exciting time to be a part of public education. Many challenges lie ahead as we restructure and reform the way we teach our children—that is why we need your interest, involvement, and support in our schools.

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- Visit your local school
- Ask Questions
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- Volunteer at your local school
- Create a school/business partnership
- Sign up for District Advisory Committee



Public education represents a new vision of shared responsibility on behalf of students, teachers, administrators, parents, community and business representative. For more information on how to become involved, call me at 896-0570, 893-9496, or JCPS's FACTLINE at 473-3228.

- Russ Maple, Dist #2 Board of Education



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